EDITORIAL

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"MINERAL KING #1"

On July 1st, a one-cent per gallon gasoline tax goes into effect to pay for repairing $25 million in flood damage to state roads and highways.

Much less publicized is the almost equal amount Californians will pay for a modern two-lane highway to be built to Mineral King in the High Sierras.

The sums are almost the same. The difference is that in the case of the Mineral King road, you're not being told about it.

The bulk of the $23 to $25 million estimated cost for the mountain road will come from state tax funds now allocated for Southern California roads and highways.

At the moment, Mineral King is a remote,---almost inaccessible,---alpine valley containing a post office and a few cabins, located about 225 miles northeast of Los Angeles. But about the same time the new road is finished in late 1973, the largest, most luxurious mountain and ski resort in the United States will be nearing completion there.

The $35 million cost of the resort, to be built largely on US Forestry lands, will be paid by Walt Disney Productions.

The principal cost of the highway leading there,---at a cost of a million dollars or more a mile,---will be paid by you.

Channel 7 will comment further on the Mineral King project in our next editorial.

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